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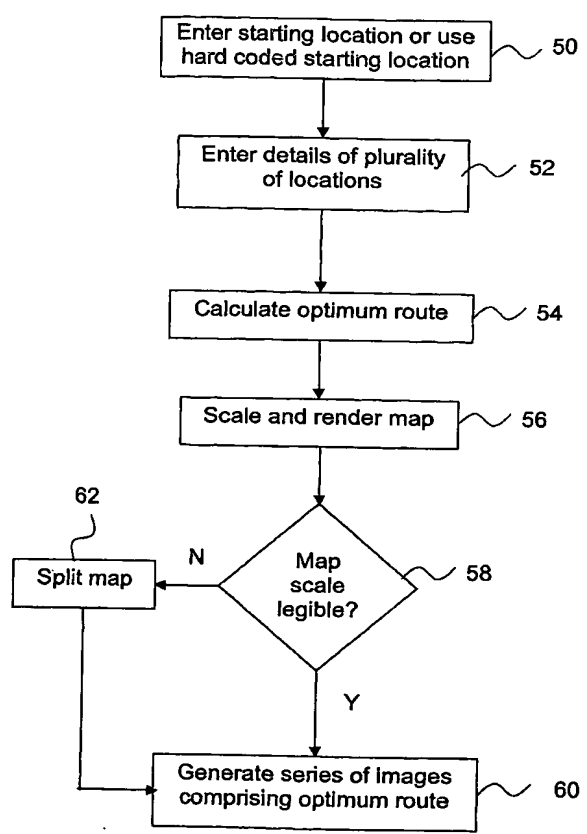
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus for generating an optimised route between a plurality of locations comprises processing means in communication with the following: input means to enable a user to identify the plurality of locations, storage means for storing geographic data, a data handling engine for converting the locations into data representative of the plurality of locations by reference to the storage means, a route calculating engine for calculating an optimised route between the plurality of locations on the basis of said representative data, an image rendering engine for generating a series of images, each image of the series comprising a part of the optimised route between two of the identified locations and output means for outputting the series of images.

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